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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

I have just received the attached message from Chancellor Adenauer via General Gehlen. The actual wording is General Gehlen's based on oral instructions he received from the Chancellor.

I am furnishing a copy of this message to the Secretary of State.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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DE GAULLE TURNED DOWN FOUR POWER CONFERENCE PARIS WITH ARGUMENT THAT SUCH CONFERENCE BEFORE EISENHOWER TRIP TO SOVIET UNION MIGHT GIVE SOVIETS IDEA THAT PRESIDENT ACTING AS SPOKESMAN FOR WESTERN POWERS AT LEAST WITH REGARD TO FRANCE THIS NOT CASE IN VIEW STANDING UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND U. S. A. CHANCELLOR ADENAUER HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO DE GAULLE AND MACMILLAN THAT FRENCH POSITION ENDANGERED DESIRABLE WESTERN UNITY AND FOUR POWER CONFERENCE IN PARIS STILL DESIRABLE. IN EVENT DE GAULLE MAINTAINS HIS NEGATIVE POSITION DESPITE ADENAUER COMMUNICATION FEDREP WOULD BE PLACED EXTREMELY DIFFICULT POSITION. PROPOSED PLAN WHEREBY EISENHOWER TO VISIT ONLY PARIS AND LONDON FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AND SEE ADENAUER ONLY IN COURSE OF OR AT CONCLUSION HIS CONSULTATION WITH MACMILLAN WOULD RESULT IN MORE THAN PUBLIC OPINION DRAWING CONCLUSION THAT FEDREP COULD BE SUBJECTED TO PRESSURE; IT WOULD ALSO GIVE RISE TO GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT PREVIOUS COOPERATION

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BETWEEN THREE WESTERN POWERS AND FEDREP ON BASIS COMPLETE PARITY HAD COME TO END AND THAT FEDREP REGARDED NOW ONLY MORE OR LESS POLITICAL FOOTBALL OF BIG THREE. SUCH DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE LESS THAN JUSTIFIED POLITICALLY SINCE GERMANY AND BERLIN QUESTION REMAIN AMONG MOST CRITICAL ISSUES IN WORLD WIDE CONFLICT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. MOREOVER IT NOT POSSIBLE OVERLOOK FACT KHRUSHCHEV AS RESULT SUCH DEVELOPMENT COULD HAVE FEELING HE HAD ACHIEVED ONE OF MAIN POINTS HIS POLICY NAMELY BEGINNING OF ISOLATION FEDREP AND ITS REDUCTION TO SECOND CLASS POWER. SHOULD IT ACTUALLY NOT BE POSSIBLE ARRANGE FOUR POWER CONFERENCE THERE REMAINS ONLY SINGLE MEANS AVOID CREATING DISASTROUS IMPRESSION THAT THERE HAS BEEN COMPLETE REVERSAL PRESENT WESTERN POLITICAL COALITION: PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WOULD HAVE TO RESTRICT HIS TRIP TO STRICTLY BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AND IN ADDITION TO VISITS PARIS AND LONDON ALSO INCLUDE VISIT BONN.

ADENAUER STILL MAINTAINS THAT FOUR POWER MEETING IN PARIS WOULD BE BEST SOLUTION.

END OF MESSAGE

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